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| Toru MAEDA, et al.  | : | Confirmation Number: 5771  |
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| For: METHOD OF PRODUCING SOFT MAGNETIC MATERIAL, SOFT MAGNETIC<br>POWDER, AND DUST CORE |   |                            |

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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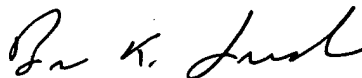
Each reference was cited in a corresponding foreign application office action and its relevance is discussed therein. A copy of the foreign office action, together with an English language version thereof, is attached for the Examiner's information.

Please note that references JP 63-121602 and JP 2004-079943 were previously submitted in Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 29, 2006.

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